THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the flights delayed, cancelled and attributable to strikes and agitations by pilots and other staff during the last three years are as under:—

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Total take-offs	77205	76444	68373
Flights delayed	22911	24364	21351
Flights cancelled	3396	2538	1246
Flights delayed due to industrial unrest	55	33	8
Flights cancelled due to industrial unrest	289	42	83

Visit of officials of US-Air Service Company to discuss MATSABD Project

3987. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a highlevel team of officials of the US-Air Service Company, Raytheon, led by its Vice-President, (Transport) recently visited India for discussion on the Airport Project as part of modernisation of Air-traffic services at Bombay and Delhi (MATSBD); and

(c) if so, the details of MATSBD project, indicating various stages of the project, and the outcome of the talks with the team?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under this modernisation project, the complete air traffic control at Delhi and Mumbai airports is being automated with the provision of Flight Data Processing System, Radar Data Processing System, Automatic. Self Briefing System and Voice Control Communication System. In addition, the state-of-art Radars, including Airport Surveillance Radar, Air Route Surveillance Radar, Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar with Mode-S capability and Airfield Surface Detection Equipment are also provided. Site acceptance tests of these systems are in progress in a phased manner. The test on integrated system of Air Traffic Services is expected to be completed by May, 1997 at Delhi and June, 1997 at Mumbai. The total cost of the project is Rs. 423.89 crores, and includes a foreign exchange component of Rs. 266.48 crores.

Augmentation and modernisation of fleet by Air India

3988. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Air India, if any, to augment and modernise its fleet, indicating its cost, the type of aircraft to be acquired for adding or replacing the aircraft in the fleet; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken in that direction.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and